



Illness Policy

If your child becomes ill while at Bloom, we will do our best to ensure he/she is isolated from the other children. If these symptoms of possibly contagious conditions are observed in your child during the day, you will be called to pick up your child immediately. Children need to be picked up within 1 hour of being notified.

General guidelines of symptoms that will result in early dismissal:

- A temperature of 100.5 degrees or higher
- Diarrhea (more than one abnormally loose stool within a school day)
- Vomiting
- Rashes/blisters not diagnosed by a physician
- Redness of the eye(s) along with leakage and/or crustiness
- Severe coughing causing the child to make a whooping sound
- Presence of head Lice or nits
- Difficulty or rapid breathing
- Lethargy and or the inability to participate in activities

Some other common contagious illnesses/diseases and period of exclusion from school:

Influenza A/B/COVID-19: Remain out of the center for 5 days from the onset of symptoms and has been fever free for 24 hours without medication. First day with symptoms being day 1, day 6 return to school.

Conjunctivitis (pink eye): Remain out of the center until on antibiotics for 24 hours and seeing improvement in redness and leakage of the eyes.

Strep Throat: Remain out of the center until on antibiotics for 12 hours and fever free for 24 hours without medication.

Hand, Foot, & Mouth: Remain out of the center until blisters have dried and crusted over and fever free for 24 hours without medication.

Fifth Disease: Note regarding rash, once the rash/redness appears, the child is no longer contagious as long as fever free for 24 hours without medication. The rash is a leading indicator that the child is no longer contagious.

Impetigo, Scabies, Staphylococcus, Ring Worm: Remain out of the center until medication has been administered for 24 hours and there is no more discharge from the sores. Doctor's note required to return.

Lice: Child has been treated with lice medication and is free of nits and lice. Admin assessment is required prior to returning to the classroom. This assessment will include a check for live lice or nits. Child will not be permitted to return if live lice or attached nits are present. In addition, DCF requires proof of treatment. This can include an empty box or receipt.

Fever associated with vaccines: Children with a fever over 100.5, even after vaccines, will be sent home. However, they may return the next day IF the fever is no longer present without medication.

When your child has a fever, please keep him/her at home an additional 24 hours after the temperature returns to normal. This will help to ensure that the illness has passed and that your child(ren) will be well enough to resume school activities.

Medication

Bloom Academy DOES NOT administer medication, except for an EPI pen and/or inhaler for potentially lethal allergies. Inhalers can only be life saving and not on a schedule. Please see the director for more information about EPI pen/inhaler procedures.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US WORK TOGETHER TO MAINTAIN THE HEALTHIEST POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENT FOR OUR STUDENTS AND STAFF!

